

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-121 were presented for examination. Claims 1-121 were restricted as follows: claims 1-15 and 106-121 (Group I) and claims 16-105 (Group II).

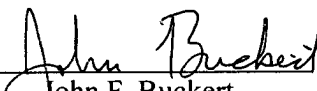
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect with traverse Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-15 and 106-121.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction with respect to Group II, which correspond to claims 16-105. There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction: (1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and (2) there must be a serious burden on the examiner. It is respectfully submitted that searching and examining the subject matter of Groups I and II as outlined in the restriction requirement, does not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in a condition for examination. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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